

# The Scoop

Fun, inspiring and innovative ideas  
for library youth services

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## WELCOME

By Kristina Taylor

The good news – some parts of the state got some decent rain in June and, so far, it's not as hot as last summer! The not so good news – hmmm....Did I mention it's not too hot yet?

## National Ice Cream Day – at Stella's!



July 17 is [National Ice Cream Day](#) and so the Youth Services staff at the ICfL couldn't resist enjoying a few scoops of this hot weather treat at a local ice cream shop. Once called "Cream Ice," the first ice-cream-like food was first consumed in China between 618-97 AD and was made from flour, buffalo milk, and camphor. Ingredients have changed just a little bit since then. What's the most interesting flavor you have enjoyed? [Send us a pic](#) of you enjoying your

fav flavor at your favorite local ice cream joint, and we'll share them in the next issue. Now that you may have learned an interesting new factoid about ice cream . . . on to the rest of *The Scoop*.

*Darn! This is what I should have gotten. Next time!*





## LIBRARY TO LIBRARY

### **ALA Spectrum Doctoral Fellowship Awarded to Former Idaho Librarian**

Former Coeur d'Alene Children's Librarian Mandi Harris, current doctoral student at the University of Washington, was awarded the distinguished Spectrum Doctoral Fellowship – Catalysts for Change. "Through Catalysts for Change, ALA, in partnership with the University of South Carolina's School of Information Science, has developed this cohort of racially and ethnically diverse doctoral students focused on advancing racial equity and social justice in library and information science (LIS) curricula." (ALA)

"In addition to providing tuition and stipend support to each Fellow, the Spectrum Doctoral Fellowship includes participation in specialized coursework to establish a shared framework and understanding of social justice and anti-racism that will ground the ways in which Fellows approach equity in action through research and teaching." (ALA)

We are so proud of Mandi and wish her all the best in this new endeavor!

Read the full press release and learn more about the Spectrum Scholarship Program:

[Learn More](#)

### **Library Grant News...**

#### **Emmett Public Library Receives AARP Idaho Grant to Improve Self-Service Options**

AARP Idaho recently announced that the Emmett Public Library will receive a \$13,518 Community Challenge Grant to purchase and install remote lockers at the library. Thanks to the grant, the library will have: "A 17-unit, all-season, outdoor locker system that will extend library accessibility by offering self-service options like browsing, pick-up and returns 24 hours a day." (Idaho AARP) The goal of the AARP grants is to implement quick-action projects which "improve public places with an emphasis on the needs of adults aged 50 and over."

"Our library is the heart of the community and serves as a source of information, education, and recreation, as well as a place to meet, gather and learn. This AARP grant will expand the availability of our resources while helping the library meet the demands of increased growth and services." -Alyce Kelley, Director, Emmett Public Library

#### **Three Libraries Win Idaho Community Foundation Future Grants**

The Idaho Community Foundation (ICF) recently announced that through their Idaho Future Fund, \$294,000 has been awarded to 23 community organizations for preschool scholarships, charter schools, public schools, public school libraries, and supplemental education programs throughout Idaho. Among the grantees are three public libraries:

- **Challis Public Library (Custer County)** – \$10,000 to offer an afterschool Skills Lab program 2-3 days a week for grades K-12.
- **Oneida County Library (Oneida County)** – \$10,000 to provide a Summer Reading Program for youth ages 0-18 that aims to prevent “summer slide” with free books and a reward party.
- **Cascade Public Library (Valley County)** –\$3,000 to replace children’s library items damaged by smoke and water from a fire at an adjacent building.

Congratulations to all our enterprising libraries! Great work!



## OUTREACH SERVICES

### Stories of Impact from Library Outreach

Staff of the **Meridian Library District** recently brought their bookmobile to a summer food in the park event as part of their library outreach efforts. Meridian staff utilized books from the ICfL’s Outreach for Underserved Children program to supply to the youth participants at the park. The Meridian Library recently shared this encouraging story of the ICfL’s impact:

“During the event, two sisters approached the book table. They were looking at the books and grabbed one called “Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter.” Staff said, “Just so you know, that one is in Spanish, just FYI.” Staff said their faces lit up with a giant smile. “Wow, this is a Spanish book, are you serious?” Staff said the patrons were both so grateful to learn that there [were] books in Spanish they could take with them. Both of them picked out two Spanish books, and they were overjoyed to be able to pick ones in their language. This is just one example of the impact this outreach event had on the community.”  
- Meridian Library District, Bookmobile.

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Staff at the **Community Library Network at Rathdrum** gathered in their local park alongside over 1,200 community members for the Reptile Man show. Attending children were excited to stop by and choose a book to take home and add to their own home libraries. Families were seen using the time before the show began to read the books to their children on the lawn:

“We had a phenomenal turn out at this event, more than almost any other event that has been hosted in Rathdrum. I was able to make connections and invite so many new families to come visit the library and library programs. Parents of younger families were eager to receive information about the fun children's programs planned for the rest of the summer. The event was held in a park where there has been new home growth so many new residents were also eager to get information on getting their library cards [25 new cards issued at the park!]. Overall, it was an amazing event that had a highly positive impact on our little community.” – Community Library Network, Rathdrum Branch

Year-round support for library outreach is available from ICfL’s Outreach for Underserved Children Program.

[Learn More](#)



## TWEENS & TEENS

### LITT: Teens – Grab Your Planner!

There are a LOT of programs, events, and professional development opportunities coming up this year for library staff who work with teens: Year 2 of the Idaho Teen Reading Challenge, more Teen Kit opportunities, and so many trainings and conferences. Let's chat about the future and make some plans. Also, the ICfL is planning its first ever convening for library staff serving teens and tweens. It will be in March 2023 – we will use some of the LITT chat time to get feedback on what you would like to see at this FREE training for public and school library workers.

**Date:** Wednesday, July 27

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. MT / 1:00 p.m. PT

**Where:** [Zoom](#)

LITT stands for Libraries in Idaho Talking Trends. LITT chats offer library staff from around Idaho the chance to meet each other and share their experiences. This discussion will not be recorded.

### Books UnBanned

Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) has launched a new campaign, titled Books UnBanned, to help teens combat the negative impact of increased censorship and book bans in libraries across the country. For a limited time, young adults ages 13 to 21, nationwide, will be able to apply for a free eCard from BPL, unlocking access to the library's extensive collection of e-books.

The card will be good for one year and is designed to complement access to resources for teens in their local communities. The Brooklyn Public Library eCard provides access to 350,00 e-books, 200,000 audiobooks, and more than 100 databases. Teens will also be connected to their peers in Brooklyn, including members of BPL's Intellectual Freedom Teen Council, to help one another with information and resources to fight censorship, book recommendations, and the defense of freedom to read.

To apply for the card, teens can send a note to [BooksUnbanned@bklynlibrary.org](mailto:BooksUnbanned@bklynlibrary.org), or via the Library's teen-run Instagram account, [@bklynfuture](#). The \$50 fee normally associated with out-of-state cards will be waived. Teens are encouraged to share videos, essays, and stories on the importance of intellectual freedom and the impact that book challenges and bans have had on their lives.

[Learn More](#)

### ION Power Up Summit – Free Registration for Library Staff

The Idaho Out-of-School Network (ION) Annual Power Up Summit is the only statewide conference dedicated solely to out-of-school time. This year, it will be held **Sept. 29 – 30, at the Shoshone-Bannock Casino Hotel in Pocatello, Idaho**. This year's theme is "Plug In and Partner Up." This conference is for those

who run programs or offer services that youth may access during out-of-school time: summer, after school, camps, or even online.

If you would like to attend the Summit, email Jennifer Redford ([Jennifer.redford@libraries.idaho.gov](mailto:Jennifer.redford@libraries.idaho.gov)) for a special code to receive FREE registration. Please register before the Aug. 12 deadline to receive Early Bird registration rates.

[Learn More / Register](#)

## Self-Paced Teen Services Professional Development

Are you interested in FREE, self-paced learning to help you grow? Check out the ICfL's Niche Academy for [online training specifically for library workers who serve teens](#), including the VERY comprehensive [Transforming Teen Services](#) tutorial.

## KINDERGARTEN READY CORNER

### Kindergarten Readiness Grants from ICfL

If you are interested in starting a program or project at your library to help support early learning, see our [Kindergarten Readiness Grant](#) information in the **Grant Opportunities** section below. Reach out to [Staci Shaw](#) if you would like to chat about a project idea! Applications are due by August 31, 2022.

### New Study: COVID Babies Talk Less!

Recent studies using [Language Environment Analysis \(LENA\) technology](#) measured children's language environments and found that children born after the start of COVID vocalized less and experienced fewer conversational turns than their peers born before the pandemic. Infants, male babies, and children from lower socioeconomic families saw the deepest declines.

[Continue reading...](#)

Quick access resources:

- [LENA "Do COVID Babies Talk Less?" webinar recording \(free\)](#)
- [LENA Early Talk Social Media Toolkit](#)
- [LENA Talking Tips PDFs \(7 languages\)](#)
- [Using the LENA Start program in your library](#)



"... Family-focused support organizations, childcare systems, school districts, health care institutions, and other government and public entities — we must all work together to increase our support for families so



they, in turn, can strengthen their caregiving in the home.” ~ *Dr. Jill Gilkerson, Chief Research and Evaluation Officer, LENA Foundation*

## New: National Hotline for Moms

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has launched a [National Maternal Mental Health Hotline](#). Available 24/7, the hotline provides free, confidential support, resources, and referrals from professional counselors to pregnant and postpartum individuals facing mental health challenges. Counselors offer support in English and Spanish and interpreter services are available in 60 additional languages.

The HRSA provides [promotional materials](#) for you to use, including social media graphics, printable wallet cards, and newsletter copy. These materials are also available in Spanish. Please share with your patrons!

## News from Act Early Idaho

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) announced that there are new Developmental Milestones checklists on the web in the following languages: [Korean](#), [Simplified Chinese](#), and [Vietnamese](#). The CDC worked with a professional translation service to complete these checklists, which were also reviewed by native speakers of each language to ensure accuracy. Visit the [CDC webpage](#) to view and download the newly added versions.



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## SCHOOL ZONE

**Summer break means School Zone, Low Hanging Fruit, and Nonfiction Book of the Month are on hiatus and will be back in September.**

Have a great summer, and we hope to see you at Summer Summit 2022!



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### WILD About Early Learners Workshops Geared Toward FRW

It's not too soon to get excited about Idaho Family Reading Weeks' "Wild Wonders" theme and start looking for some new program ideas. Does your library staff enjoy sharing nature with kids and want to have many wildlife activities at your fingertips throughout the year? Consider signing up for *WILD About*

*Early Learners!* – a part of Project WILD’s national curriculum dedicated to teaching kids how to think, not what to think, about the environment in which we live. The Idaho Commission for Libraries has partnered with Idaho Fish and Game to offer a special *WILD About Early Learners!* training **just for library staff** prior to the start of Idaho Family Reading Week! The training has been adapted from a fee-based, in-person training and will now be offered free to all library staff as a virtual-asynchronous combination training.



Learn ways to integrate meaningful lessons into your library programs related to Idaho animals and habitats. They’ve tied almost every activity to a book, which is a bonus for you. Join us for one 45-minute virtual session (required), during which Lori Adams, curriculum designer, will introduce you to the Google Sites website format and content. You will then decide how and when to work through the online content independently (participants will have access to the Google Sites indefinitely). ICfL staff will mail you one copy of the *WILD About Early Learner Guide* that can be used to boost your FRW programming and is yours to keep! In the specialized guide, you'll find activities, music and movement, resource lists, home connections, and much more! ICfL-IFG will offer the virtual session on three days, at three different times. Choices for the required virtual information session are:

- Wednesday, September 21 -- 12:15 – 1:00 p.m. MT
- Friday, September 23 -- 9:15 – 10:00 a.m. MT
- Tuesday, September 27 -- 5:15 – 6:00 p.m. MT

**Registration opens Thursday, September 1.** Look for a LibIdaho email in late August and a post in the August and September issues of *The Scoop* newsletter for registration details.

Questions? Contact [Kristina Taylor](#), Youth Services Project Coordinator.

## CHECK IT OUT

### Nominations for Outstanding Outreach and Bookmobile Service

Idaho library staff are doing SO many great outreach projects – it would be wonderful to acknowledge your library’s work through a nomination!

The [Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services](#) (ABOS) is an inclusive organization that celebrates all forms of library outreach. ABOS is accepting nominations for the **2022 ABOS Award Program**.

You are encouraged to submit a nomination for such awards as the Pattie Johnston Outreach Award for support staff, the Innovation in Outreach Programming Award, and many others. Of special note is ABOS’s newest award, the **Preschool Outreach and School Services Inspirations Award**, which is presented annually to a library, department, or an individual who has provided exemplary library outreach services to children and students in their community, from age infant to college.

Anyone can make a nomination, and most ABOS awards do not require that the nominee be an ABOS member (the John Philip Excellence in Outreach Award is an exception).

[Learn More](#)

## Grow Your Grant Skills – Become a Reviewer!

The Idaho Out-of-School Network (ION) is seeking reviewers to help evaluate applications for its Out of School Time Enrichment Grant. This process will be conducted entirely online. Any individual who is at least 18 years old can apply. ION is looking for a diverse group of reviewers and is focused on recruiting strong representation of individuals with experience or connection to youth development. Reviewer applications will be accepted until July 29, 2022.

Reviewers must be available to review online applications and attend a virtual selection meeting in early September. Additional reviewer questions will be answered via email, [danielizabeth@jannus.org](mailto:danielizabeth@jannus.org).

[Apply](#)

## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### Idaho Community Foundation (ICF) – Forever Grant Upcoming Deadline

#### Forever Idaho Southwest Region Grant Program

The ICF's Forever Idaho Southwest Region Grant Program, which provides grants of up to \$25,000, is now accepting applications from organizations that serve the following counties: Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley, and Washington.

Deadline for Southwest Region submission is **August 15**.

#### Forever Idaho South Central Region Grant Program

The ICF's Forever Idaho South Central Region Grant Program, which provides grants of up to \$25,000, is now accepting applications from organizations that serve the following counties: Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Elmore, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, and Twin Falls.

Deadline for South Central submission is **August 15**.

For more information, including eligibility and application, [click here](#). For Forever Idaho Grant Program Guidelines, [click here](#).



## ICfL Kindergarten Readiness Grants for 2022-2023

Applications for the upcoming grant cycle (September 15, 2022 – June 1, 2023) **are open now and are due August 31**. All information can be found on the ICfL website (“learn more” button below). Currently, only Idaho public libraries are eligible to apply.



Apply for up to \$10,000 in grant funds to:

1. Ensure that more Idaho 4-year-olds and their families have public library cards to gain access to the tools and resources needed to help children succeed in school, especially for families with limited access to preschool programming or who are not regular library users;
2. Increase the amount of early literacy activities done in the homes of 4-year-olds across the state; and
3. Increase the number of successful public library, school, and community partnerships that increase third-grade reading proficiency by focusing on pre-kindergarten experiences, especially for underserved children.

Please read through the grant application packet on the ICfL website for requirements and tips and be sure to look at past grant projects listed under “Examples and Resources.” **This is a competitive grant.** If you would like to flesh out a project idea, or if you have questions about the application, please contact [Staci Shaw](#).

[Learn More](#)

## ICfL Connecting Community Digital Inclusion Project

The ICfL Connecting Communities Digital Inclusion Project will provide Chromebooks and accessories to public libraries throughout Idaho for the purpose of expanding digital equity, inclusion, and literacy efforts. Libraries may apply for up to 20 Chromebooks and accessories to provide training to partner organizations and members of the public in cybersecurity, internet use, Chromebook use, and basic technology use. Participating libraries will create or expand existing partnerships with community organizations to reach groups or individuals benefiting from increased access to internet-enabled devices and digital literacy training. Submit applications beginning July 25 on the ICfL grants webpage. Chromebooks will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Please check the ICfL grants webpage after July 20 for more details.

[Learn More](#)

# SUMMER READING NEWS

## Summer Library Programs Report due September 15

ICfL staff ask that all Idaho public libraries to submit a very short report about their summer programs each year.

This data and feedback allow ICfL staff to tell stakeholders and decision-makers how summer library programs positively impact children, teens, families, adults, and communities. And because the program manuals and posters we provide to all Idaho public libraries are funded with Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds, we include this data in our report to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) each fall.

*See a preview of the data we ask you to collect and submit.*

**\*\*If you are NOT hosting a summer library program this year, please fill out a report and indicate that you did not host a program.**

### New this Year:

To accommodate library systems with branches/outlets that don't track each outlet's individual participation numbers, you can now choose to submit **one report** with one data set that includes all branches/bookmobiles. You can also still choose to submit separate reports for branches/bookmobiles.

If your library is in a system/district containing more than one location, you will choose your system/district from those listed in the drop-down menu; then another field will appear, displaying that system/district's locations or outlets. You can then choose which of those outlets will be included in your report.

Submit your report at this link: <https://form.jotform.com/icfl/2022-idaho-SRP-report>

All libraries that submit their report by the September 15 deadline will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a 2023 CSLP summer programs T-shirt.

*In order to receive a program manual and posters for the 2023 theme, your library **MUST** submit a 2022 report.*

Thanks to all who submit their library's report by the deadline. It takes a lot of additional staff time to follow up on missing reports.



## News from CSLP

The Collaborative Summer Library Programs' (CSLP) June newsletter shares a fun way to recycle old summer reading T-shirts and features additional ocean-themed resources to use for the remainder of your program. Read the current CSLP Newsletter [here...](#)

## Important Safety Message!

Please remove the “Hold My Water: Water Pods and Water Bottles Experiment” (pages 202 – 204) from your 2022 Summer Program Manual. Unfortunately, on one occasion, the experience led to a number of children becoming sick after they ingested the water pods.

### MATERIALS AND PREPARATION

#### Water Pods

##### Materials:

- Sodium alginate and calcium lactate (both available on Amazon)
- Water
- Bowls: 2 medium and 1 large
- Hand mixer
- A soup ladle and a slotted spoon
- Measuring spoons and a liquid measuring cup
- Table covers and paper towels



## Your Voice Matters – Help CSLP Choose Future Themes and Slogans

Check out this list of potential slogans for the 2025 Summer Reading Theme (Art):

- Art for all / Arte para todos
- Color our world / Colorea nuestro mundo
- Create and Make at your library / Crea y haz en tu biblioteca
- Express yourself / Exprésate
- Gallery of Stories / Galería de Cuentos
- Paint your world with stories / Pinta tu mundo con historias
- Rainbow of stories / Arco iris de cuentos
- Read, Create, and Inspire / Lee, Crea e Inspira
- Read, Create, Illustrate / Lee, Crear, Ilustra

Here are the top 10 theme suggestions for 2026:

- Agriculture & Gardening
- Dinosaurs
- USA 250 (2026 will be the US semi-quincentennial)
- Food Literacy
- History
- Inventions
- Mysteries
- Nature
- Time Travel
- Travel

Do you have a favorite? CLSP State Reps will cast votes at their annual meeting in late August. Reach out to [Staci Shaw](#) before August 30 with your thoughts or attend one of the August listening sessions:

### CSLP 2026 Theme and 2025 Slogan Listening Sessions

Monday, August 15 -- 1 - 2 p.m. MT (3 - 4 ET)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 823 6647 7698

Passcode: 243823

Wednesday, August 17 -- 9 - 10 a.m. MT (11 a.m. - 12 p.m. ET)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 882 5508 3482

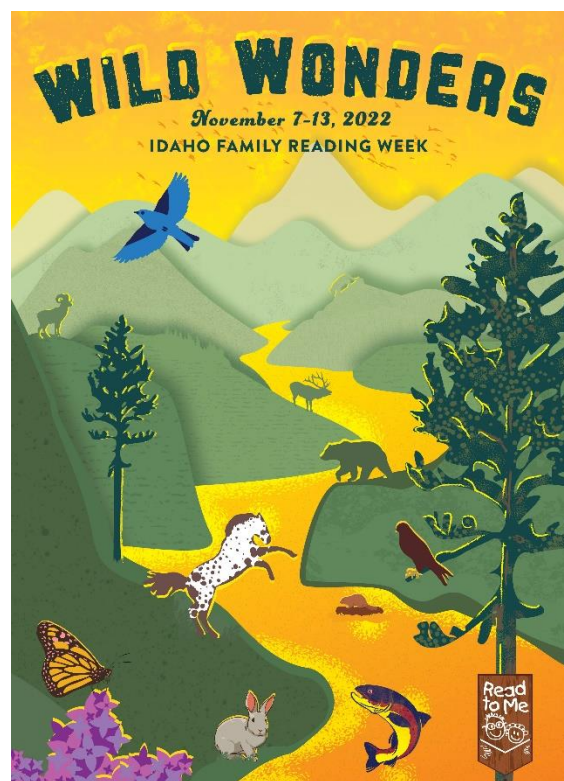
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## FEATURED:

### Get Ready for 2022 Idaho Family Reading Week and its “Wild Wonders”

November 7-13, 2022

As first announced in the February issue of *The Scoop*, this year’s Idaho Family Reading Week theme will be (as you all voted for) about animals. Specifically, it will be “Wild Wonders.” Think wildlife. Think conservation. Think animal adaptations. Think Idaho state emblems! Maybe you’ll teach kids the importance of pollinators, help them build a bee hotel, and place it in the community. Maybe you’ll feature jobs where people work with animals and then bring in speakers from different vocations, like a vet or an animal rescue worker. Maybe you’ll “Fashion a Fish” (see the WILD About Early Learners Guide info below) and teach children about Idaho’s state fish, the cutthroat trout (see the Wildlife Express State Emblem issue, described below). The possibilities are endless and totally up to you and your library staff. ICfL staff will provide you with tons of ideas and some resources to help you offer a great week of literacy-oriented Family Reading Week activities. All you have to do is say YES! (. . . and register after Sept. 1 for the workshop and Sept. 15 for the program – see below). We have some great community partners this year: Idaho Fish & Game and Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (IAEYC). Read on for details...



*It's 'Golden Hour' in the Idaho mountains and, along the river, Idaho wildlife abounds. Get ready for this statewide literacy -focused program!*

ICfL will provide the following resources for the “Wild Wonders” Family Reading Week program to participating libraries (the first 100 libraries to register- opens September 15):

- Four newer, hardcover titles – for your library to add to your collection or use as family give-aways

- Book guides or activity suggestions for each hardcover book to help libraries plan a storytime program around each new title
- Paperback books, on theme, for libraries to use as youth participant give-aways
- Themed bookmarks for libraries to use as youth participant give-aways
- Copies of Wildlife Express “Idaho State Emblems” magazine for libraries to use as youth participant give-aways
- *WILD About Early Learners Workshop* and Educator Guide in partnership with Idaho Fish & Game – [see workshop details](#) in the Upcoming Events section of this issue of *The Scoop*. ICfL staff will mail an 85-page early learner professionally published guide to each participant who completes the workshop. (**Note:** Being registered for Family Reading Week with the ICfL does not mean you are registered to attend the WILD workshop by Idaho Fish & Game. They are related but will require separate registration.)
- Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (IAEYC) is offering us 12,500 copies of their new “Idaho Kids Love to Learn Outdoors” Kit (ages 3-6). Requests for these kits will be made through IAEYC, but there will be a designated link to their request form on our FRW webpage. More info to come.
- ....and more! FRW ideas and resources are being added to the webpage throughout the summer!

And don't forget to mark your calendars for these important FRW dates:

- **WILD About Early Learners Workshop Registration:** Opens September 1 - In partnership with Idaho Fish & Game (content pairs well with FRW theme but can be used in your library year-round)
- **FRW Overview Information Session:** Thursday, September 8 from 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. MT via Zoom (will be recorded for viewing at a later date). Zoom link coming later.
- **FRW Program Registration:** Opens September 15 (closes when 100 spots are filled by public or school libraries)
- **FRW Program offered in your library:** Any time in November, but especially during the official week of November 7-13, 2022 (the same week as the nationwide Children's Book Week):

Visit the [Idaho Family Reading Week](#) page often to review program info, dates and deadlines, and to see hardcover titles and program resources.

New to hosting a FRW program at your public or school library and have questions? Contact [Kristina Taylor](#), Youth Services Project Coordinator, at any time. Or attend the upcoming info session below.

[Learn More](#)

## CE NEWS YOU CAN USE

Have you heard of the CE Digest newsletter? You can get weekly updates on upcoming free CE opportunities for Idaho library workers by subscribing to the CE Digest newsletter [here](#). For a preview of what the newsletter looks like or more information, visit [this page](#).



Did you know the ICfL will cover the cost of online continuing education courses or webinars through [InfoPeople](#), [Library Juice](#), and [Amigos](#)? It's true! If there's an online course or webinar from these providers you'd like to take, you can apply for access by completing the corresponding Course Access Request Form accessible from [this page](#). To qualify for future CE funds for online learning, students must complete the follow-up survey and apply to access the course at least 15 days in advance.

Below are a few upcoming online courses that you might be able to squeeze into your very busy schedule!

**Assessing and Advocating for Early Childhood Services** (Library Juice Academy), August 1-28, 2022

In this class, you will learn about the different methods that your library can use to assess program effectiveness, including self-assessments, participant feedback surveys, and evaluations. You will get hands-on practice creating and implementing assessment tools and creating an advocacy plan for early childhood programs.

- [Details & course overview](#)
- [Course access request form \(Library Juice Academy\)](#)

**LSSC Elective Competencies: Youth Services** (Library Juice Academy), September 5 – October 16, 2022

A six-week online course on youth services, which is designed to meet the elective requirement for the Library Support Staff Certification program. This course is designed to give students a broad overview of library services to youth and their caregivers in the library environment.

- [Details & course overview](#)
- [Course access request form \(Library Juice Academy\)](#)

**Know and Go: STEM Family Programs Inside and Outside the Library** (Amigos Library Services), August 1, 2022

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) collections and programs have become popular resources for families. Get tips to develop and highlight STEM programs in the library and out in your community.

- [Details & course overview](#)
- [Course access request form \(Amigos\)](#)

**Introduction to Storytimes and Early Literacy Programming** (Amigos Library Services), August 9 & 10, 2022

Storytime and early literacy programs foster a love of reading for the littlest patrons, age birth to 5. With guidance for supporting caregivers and engaging community partners, this course will help library staff create engaging events and services for families.

- [Details & course overview](#)
- [Course access request form \(Amigos\)](#)

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The ICfL is making virtual conferencing equipment available for library staff in Idaho. Through a simple application, eligible Idaho libraries can receive a webcam and/or headset at no cost. Publicly funded public, school, academic, and special libraries are eligible. The virtual conference kits are for library staff

to participate remotely in ICfL-sponsored continuing education activities, trainings, or other virtual learning and collaboration opportunities.

The virtual conference kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis to applicants who can show a need for them. The brief application may be accessed [here](#). If approved, the virtual conference kit will be mailed to the applicant library.

## Registration open for ARSL!

The annual conference for the [Association for Rural and Small Libraries](#) (ARSL) is **September 14-17, 2022** in Chattanooga, Tennessee. This year's conference theme is "Connecting at the Crossroads: On Track to Real Change." You do not need to be a member to attend.

If you'd never attended an ARSL conference before and you'd like to, and you work in a publicly funded library in Idaho, you may be eligible for our [First Time Conference Attendance Grant](#), which will help you or your library cover the cost of traveling to and attending professional development. If you have questions about utilizing this grant, please get in touch with [Annie](#).

[Learn More / Register](#)

## DIVERSITY IN ACTION

### Diverse BookFinder Community of Practice Openings

Diverse BookFinder is a coded collection of picture books featuring Black and Indigenous people and People of Color (BIPOC). Starting this fall, Diverse BookFinder (DBF) will be expanding its collection and analysis of books for young people to include early readers and middle grade and young adult literature. As part of this initiative, a cohort will be created of 130 librarians, teachers, and children's literature experts who will receive training in the DBF's coding techniques and who will then participate in the coding and sharing of books featuring Black and Indigenous people and People of Color.



The Metadata Community of Practice of 130 members will:

- Commit to participating for 14 months: October 2022 to December 2023, with two months of training sessions in October and November 2022;
- Read, code, and discuss with team members the content of assigned books (35 books/year, 3-5 hours/week), using systems and processes established by the Diverse BookFinder; and
- Participate in regular discussions via Zoom to share and discuss findings.

To learn more about the Metadata Community of Practice please visit [Community Webpage](#) and register for the 60-minute [virtual information session](#) being held via Zoom at 3 p.m. MT / 2 p.m. PT on Wednesday, July 27.

[Register](#)

## STEAM

### STEM Equity Framework Pilot Project

The Idaho Commission for Libraries is very excited to announce a professional development opportunity for library directors and senior management. It is designed to enhance leadership skills to intentionally plan for and provide equitable, inclusive, and culturally responsive services with the help of \$1,000 from the project's Library Support Fund. This STEM equity project acknowledges that public libraries are increasingly called upon to provide critical services and resources on pressing community issues such as opioid addiction, COVID, water quality, and our changing climate. These issues affect our most vulnerable and disadvantaged populations, and in partnership with local government and community leaders, we can seek their participation to address relevant science-based community issues. The state libraries in Connecticut, Idaho, and Maryland, along with Cornerstones of Science were recently awarded an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grant (RE-250085-OLS-21).

This pilot program will begin in September 2022 and conclude in June 2023.

[Learn More](#)

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## BOOK LOOK

### Honoring the Old and the New: the 2022 *We Are Kid Lit* Reading List



"Are you looking for a curated summer reading list that celebrates diversity, inclusivity, and intersecting identities? The We Are Kid Lit Collective selects books by and about BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People

of Color), with attention to their intersecting identities. Chosen books are thoroughly selected, discussed, and vetted by two or more members.” (*We Are Kid Lit Collective website*)

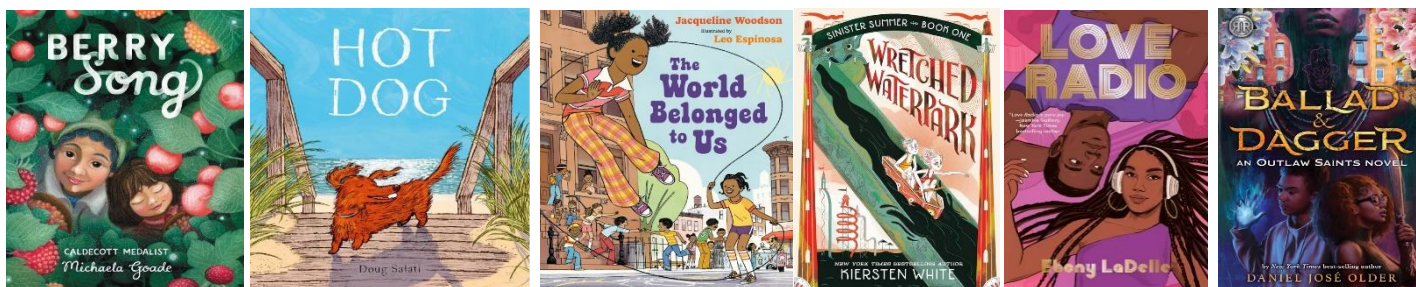
Focusing on BIPOC creators and stories, the annual list is curated by a group of teachers, librarians, and writers. This year’s list makes an extra effort to honor older classics and includes books by creators who we’ve lost in the past two years. The 2022 list includes 28 books for early readers, 18 chapter books, 21 middle grade books, and 13 titles for teen readers.

Learn more about the [We Are Kid Lit Collective](#).

Download a pdf of the current list: [2022 We Are Kid Lit Summer Reading List \(PDF\)](#)

## More summer book picks...

...a few tantalizing covers from Publishers Weekly:



See the full list of recommended Summer Reads books from [Publishers Weekly](#).

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